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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH FERNANDO CONTRERAS AND PEDRO DAZA

1. AMB MAILLIARD AND FSO TAYLOR ACCOMPANIED BY POL COUNS. CALLED ON FERNANDO CONTRERAS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AND PEDRO DAZA, AS ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JAN 16.

2. CONTRERAS AND DAZA ASKED ABOUT THE U.S. POSITION ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL ELECTION.

3. AMB MAILLIARD RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY OF THE THREE KNOWN CANDIDATES WOULD WIND AND STATED THAT THE U.S. HAD NO ANNOUNCED POSITION BUT WOULD SUPPORT ANY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR WHO COULD ATTRACT THE NECESSARY VOTES. THIS COULD BE A COLOMBIAN, COSTA RICAN, VENEZUELAN, ETC., BUT LATIN POLITICAL REASONS NIGHT RULE OUT CANDIDATES FROM COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS ARE PERCEIVED TO BE TOO FAR RIGHT OR LEFT. AMB MAILLIARD ALSO DISCUSSED THE VOTING PROCEDURES AND THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF MULTIPLE BALLOTS.

4. CHILEANS AGREED A STRONG CANDIDATE WAS ESSENTIAL BUT THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF MODIFYING

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THE VOTING PROCEDURES IN THE SHORT TIME LEFT.

5. CONTRERAS EMPHASIZED CHILEAN CONCERN FOR PRESERVING THE AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CASE OF ARMED CONFLICT AND THAT THE UN NOT BE PERMITTED TO USURP THE OAS ROLE.

6. AMB MAILLIARD RESPONDED THAT THE US WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT AND THAT ANY REFORM OF THE RIO TREATY SHOULD PRESERVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE OAS FOR DEALING WITH CASES OF ARMED CONFLICT IN THE HEMISPHERE.
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